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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

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I, La Vaughn F. Watts, Jr. declare that:

- 1. I have read and understood U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2003/0188077A1, Serial No. 09/740,138, filed 12/18/2000, of which I am a coinventor.
- 2. I have read and understood the subject U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/770,138, filed 1/26/2001, of which I am the sole inventor.
- 3. I was employed by the assignee, Dell Computer Corp., at the times the patent applications of paragraphs 1 and 2 were filed. I was under a duty to assign the patent applications of paragraphs 1 and 2 to the assignee at the times of filing and did in fact assign these patent applications to the assignee.
- 4. I have read and understood the Office Action mailed November 20, 2003 for the patent application of paragraph 2.

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- 5. I conceived or invented the unclaimed subject matter disclosed in the patent application of paragraph 1 and relied on in the rejection claims 1, 2, and 4 14 of the patent application of paragraph 2 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The subject invention set forth in claims 1, 2, and 4 14 is my invention and not the invention of another.
- 6. I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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